
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

SSB 5374

Brief Description: Making technical, nonsubstantive changes to various sections of the Revised Code of Washington that impact the department of agriculture.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Becker and Hobbs).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Makes corrections to outdated provisions, obsolete statutory cross references, redundant provisions, non-gender neutral terms, and other anachronistic terminology in the statutes administered by the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Hearing Date: 3/11/11

Staff: Jason Callahan (786-7117).

Background:

The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) oversees, manages, regulates, and supports programs that relate to food safety and the agriculture industry. The scope of the WSDA includes animal services, commodity inspections, consumer services, pesticide management, plant services, food assistance programs, and the marketing of Washington agricultural products.

Summary of Bill:

Corrections have been made to outdated provisions, obsolete statutory cross references, redundant provisions, non-gender neutral terms, and other anachronistic terminology in statutes administered by the WSDA. Legislative intent is stated that affirms that all changes are technical and non-substantive in nature.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.